

Listing and Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace the claims that were published in the PCT Application:

1. (currently amended) An apparatus (20)—having an emergency alert function, comprising:

tuning means (22) for tuning signals including emergency alert signals capable of activating said emergency alert function; and

processing means (27) for enabling a disabled audio output device associated with said apparatus (20) responsive to activation of said emergency alert function.

2. (currently amended) The apparatus (20) of claim 1, wherein said disabled audio output device includes an internal speaker (25) of said apparatus (20).

3. (currently amended) The apparatus (20) of claim 1, wherein said disabled audio output device is operatively connected to an audio output terminal of said apparatus (20).

4. (currently amended) The apparatus (20) of claim 1, wherein said processing means (27) further enables a first alert output via said audio output device responsive to activation of said emergency alert function.

5. (currently amended) The apparatus (20) of claim 4, wherein said processing means (27) further enables a second alert output via a secondary device responsive to activation of said emergency alert function.

6. (currently amended) The apparatus (20) of claim 5, wherein said secondary device includes a telephone (40).

7. (currently amended) The apparatus (20) of claim 5, wherein said secondary device includes a computer (52–55).

8. (currently amended) The apparatus (20) of claim 5, wherein said secondary device includes a television signal receiver (60).

9. (currently amended) The apparatus (20) of claim 5, wherein said secondary device includes a visual output device (70).

10. (currently amended) A method (300) for controlling an apparatus (20) having an emergency alert function, comprising:

tuning signals including emergency alert signals capable of activating said emergency alert function (302); and

enabling a disabled audio output device associated with said apparatus (20) responsive to activation of said emergency alert function (307).

11. (currently amended) The method (300) of claim 10, wherein said disabled audio output device includes an internal speaker (25) of said apparatus (20).

12. (currently amended) The method (300) of claim 10, wherein said disabled audio output device is operatively connected to an audio output terminal of said apparatus (20).

13. (currently amended) The method (300) of claim 10, further comprised of enabling a first alert output via said audio output device responsive to activation of said emergency alert function (308).

14. (currently amended) The method (300) of claim 13, further comprised of enabling a second alert output via a secondary device responsive to activation of said emergency alert function (308).

15. (currently amended) The method (300) of claim 14, wherein said secondary device includes a telephone (40).

16. (currently amended) The method (300) of claim 14, wherein said secondary device includes a computer (~~52-55~~).

17. (currently amended) The method (300) of claim 14, wherein said secondary device includes a television signal receiver (60).

18. (currently amended) The method (300) of claim 14, wherein said secondary device includes a visual output device (70).

19. (currently amended) A television signal receiver (20) having an emergency alert function, comprising:

a tuner (22)-operative to tune signals including emergency alert signals capable of activating said emergency alert function; and

a processor (27)-operative to enable a disabled audio output device associated with said television signal receiver (20)-responsive to activation of said emergency alert function.

20. (currently amended) The television signal receiver (20) of claim 19, wherein said disabled audio output device includes an internal speaker (25)-of said television signal receiver (20).

21. (currently amended) The television signal receiver (20) of claim 19, wherein said disabled audio output device is operatively connected to an audio output terminal of said television signal receiver (20).

22. (currently amended) The television signal receiver (20) of claim 19, wherein said processor (27)-is further operative to enable a first alert output via said audio output device responsive to activation of said emergency alert function.

23. (currently amended) The television signal receiver (20) of claim 22, wherein said processor (27)-is further operative to enable a second alert output via a secondary device responsive to activation of said emergency alert function.

24. (currently amended) The television signal receiver (20) of claim 23, wherein said secondary device includes a telephone (40).

25. (currently amended) The television signal receiver (20) of claim 23, wherein said secondary device includes a computer (52-55).

26. (currently amended) The television signal receiver (20) of claim 23, wherein said secondary device includes a television signal receiver (60).

27. (currently amended) The television signal receiver (20) of claim 23, wherein said secondary device includes a visual output device (70).